

# MAKE REDUCTION OF 25 PER CENT.

Order-in-Council Passed Effecting  
Reduction in Provincial Tele-  
phone System Rates.

An order-in-council was passed on Tuesday putting into effect a rate schedule of reductions of 25 per cent. in the provincial government telephone system. The reduction will average 25 per cent. The new schedule does not effect a 25 per cent. reduction on the former prices in every instance. In some cases there is no change whatever, but the average reduction is 25 per cent.

As an example of the reduction in the long distance tolls, the rate between Calgary and Edmonton has been quoted. This rate has been \$1.20 for three minutes. The new rate is \$0.90, effecting a reduction of 25 per cent.

When the Alberta government undertook the government-owned telephone system, it was intended that the telephone rates would be reduced to the level of the private telephone companies.

Hon. Mr. Cushing, minister of public works, under the department of the telephone system, said today in reply to an enquiry by a Bulletin representative.

"There is really little to say about the matter. For the past few years we have been considering the question of reduction, and I have been one of the strongest advocates of it. The reduction, which went into effect on January 1st, was a 25 per cent. reduction on toll rates and exchanges formerly operated by the Bell Telephone Company, and on long distance exchanges with over 1,000 subscribers. There is the same rate as was maintained on business telephones."

"But there will be a reduction in all long distance telephone in private residences."

## EXPLOSION WRECKS HOTEL.

Gas Explosion in Los Angeles Restaurant Demolishes Seven Buildings.

Los Angeles, Jan. 12.—A gas explosion at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon, wrecked the Hotel Austin and other buildings at a crossing fire, completely wrecked the Hotel Austin and other buildings at a crossing fire, completely wrecked the Hotel Austin and other buildings at a crossing fire.

## EDMONTON ELECTRIC LIGHT IS SECOND CHEAPEST IN CANADA

Citizens of Edmonton are Paying a Lower Rate Than That in Any Other City of the Dominion, With the Exception of Ottawa, Where Water Power is Used to Generate the Current. Comparison With Other Canadian Cities.

Edmonton's charges for electric lighting are known by citizens to be very low compared with other Canadian cities, but it is not generally known that people of this city are paying a lower price for electricity than any other city in Canada as far as the records can show. On August 1st, last year, the light rate was reduced from a minimum of eleven cents per kilowatt hour to a straight flat rate of eight cents per kilowatt hour. This reduction placed the city of Edmonton in the premier position as far as cheap lights are concerned with the only exception of Ottawa, which has a water power plant.

This triumph of municipal ownership in Edmonton has been effected by a good financial balance for several years. The object that the Edmonton authorities have in view is to give to the small and moderate sized consumer the lowest rates in the larger city is securing.

The statement which is given below is based upon the rates charged by all the companies in the various cities.

CITY	50 K. W. HOURS	100 K. W. HOURS	1,000 K. W. HOURS
Quebec	15	33.15	100.00
Montreal	15	33.15	100.00
Edmonton	15	33.15	100.00
Calgary	15	33.15	100.00
Winnipeg	15	33.15	100.00
Regina	15	33.15	100.00
Saskatoon	15	33.15	100.00
Victoria	15	33.15	100.00
Vancouver	15	33.15	100.00
Halifax	15	33.15	100.00
St. John's	15	33.15	100.00
St. Louis	15	33.15	100.00
St. Paul	15	33.15	100.00
Chicago	15	33.15	100.00
New York	15	33.15	100.00
London	15	33.15	100.00
Paris	15	33.15	100.00
Berlin	15	33.15	100.00
Moscow	15	33.15	100.00
Peking	15	33.15	100.00
Shanghai	15	33.15	100.00
Hankow	15	33.15	100.00
Canton	15	33.15	100.00
Hong Kong	15	33.15	100.00
Manila	15	33.15	100.00
Cebu	15	33.15	100.00
Yokohama	15	33.15	100.00
Kobe	15	33.15	100.00
Osaka	15	33.15	100.00
Kyoto	15	33.15	100.00
Nagasaki	15	33.15	100.00
Singapore	15	33.15	100.00
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## J. R. BOYLE AT THE LANDING.

Member For Sturgeon Addressed Enthusiastic Political Meeting in the North.

Atchafalaya Landing, Jan. 13.—J. R. Boyle, M.P. for Sturgeon, paid a visit to the Landing yesterday and addressed an enthusiastic meeting of electors in the Methodist Hall. He outlined the work accomplished so far by the Rutherford government, touching on the different works begun and the progress made. It again returned to power he assured the electors that a vigorous prosecution of development and advancement would be the policy of the government.

Mr. Boyle touched on the railway question, showing the necessity of competition in the southern part of the province and of lines to open up the north.

Mr. Boyle also addressed a meeting at Eggar, Halfway Lake last night, speaking on the questions of the day, the past and future policy of the Rutherford government, and soliciting the continued support and co-operation of the electors.

## LAKE NECESSARY FUNDS.

Anti-Divorce Campaign in California May Fail to the Ground.

Los Angeles, Jan. 13.—With a fund of only twelve cents to finance the anti-divorce campaign, the California Anti-Divorce League, which was organized in the summer of 1911, may be forced to stay in the lead as the divorce rate continues to rise in quicker time than in any other.

The interdenominational committee, which is composed of representatives of all the major Protestant churches, met at St. Paul's Protestant cathedral tonight to discuss the campaign for the reduction of divorce in California.

Mr. J. H. Smith, secretary of the committee, reported a balance sheet of the fund and two other items.

"We have been cashing out the fund for the past few months," he said, "and we have been able to pay the expenses of the campaign."

## GYPSY SMITH'S PARADE.

Celebrated Drive Heads Big Demonstration in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 12.—The midnight parade by Gypsy Smith and his followers, which was the most unique affair in which Smith has ever participated, was celebrated in Pittsburgh last night.

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## OPENING OF LEGISLATURE.

Promptly at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon His Honor the Lieutenant Governor will open the fourth session of the first legislature of Alberta.

Mr. H. M. Smith, minister of agriculture, will be in attendance. He will be accompanied by Mr. Col. Bell and Major Jamieson.

The procession will assemble at Government House at 2.45 o'clock and will proceed north on Third street to Jasper avenue, thence west to Ninth street, then to the temporary provincial government building, where His Honor will deliver the address from the throne.

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## A.F.A. IN ANNUAL SESSION HERE

Large Attendance at Convention at Which Premier and Other Ministers Were Present.

With several hundred farmers and representatives of the city of Edmonton, the annual convention of the Alberta Farmers' Association opened this morning in the Mechanics building.

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## TWO EDMONTON MEN MURDERED

A Startling Story of the Finding of Bodies of Frank and Willie McLeod on Nahanie River.

Telegraph Creek, B.C., Jan. 13.—A party of prospectors arrived here today from Nahanie river, the north tributary of the Laird River, 300 miles north of Telegraph Creek. The party, composed of J. Morrison, Wm. Douglas, of the Dawson Mine, C. J. Young, O. B. Moore, Albert and Chas. McLeod, told a startling story.

The party, of the finding of the skeletons of two men 90 miles up the Nahanie river. He is positive the remains are those of his two brothers, Frank and Willie, who, with Robert Weir, started from Fort Simpson in the fall of 1904, and went up the Nahanie river to look for gold.

Up to this time it was believed the men had continued their travel northward, probably to the Yukon or to the coast. The party, however, by a watch, ring and part of a watch, believed they had discovered the men. The fact that the McLeod brothers knew the gold fields of the Nahanie river was only four days' travel from Fort Laird, leads them to believe the men had been murdered.

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## FOR RAILWAY COMMISSION

Saskatchewan Grain Growers Want Fairer Deal in Selling Grain to the Government.

Regina, Jan. 12.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association held here Saturday last, when the question of whether or not to nominate a candidate of Andrew Graham, of Pelly, for the vacant place on the railway commission was discussed, a resolution was passed.

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